

OUR PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

In our Parish people are nourished by the Word of God. It is a Parish where love is tangible and practical. It is a place where people pray together. Our Parish community is centred on Jesus Christ, on knowing and loving Him. It is incarnated in the love we show one another.

Fr Pat O'Donnell (064) 7758026 086 8351732 on call this Sunday 10th February for emergency and sick calls

SATURDAY 10th FEBRUARY & 11th SUNDAY FEBRUARY 2024

Sat 10th Shrone 6.00pm Mary McCarthy, Ballycullane. Hannah Mai Trant, Killarney & John Sheahan Rathmore. Timothy O'Donoghue, Johanna, John & Patrick, Gortdarrig Sheila O'Callaghan, Gorthnagown & remembering her parents Mary & John Cremin

Sat 10th Knocknagree 7.30pm Peggy & Peter Leader, Tureen. Daniel D & Sheila Murphy, Tureen. Maureen & Thomas Murphy, Renasup. Abina Herlihy, The Park.

Sun 11th Gneeveguilla 9.30am (1st Anniv) Alan Smith, Bru na Sinsear & remembering his wife Margaret. James & Kitty Fogarty & their son Michael, Minish. Willie & Nellie Murphy Gneeveguilla Upper. Willie & Agnes Warren, Annaghbeg & their son Mike & grandson Willie B. Kathleen & Diarmuid Murphy, Scrahanfadda

Sun 11th Rathmore 11.30am Mary & Jeremiah Kelly, Rathmore Townland & their daughter Eileen Barker (nee Kelly) I/o Rathmore & NY. Michael (Mick) Nagle, Rathmore Townland. John & Dan McCarthy Stagmount. Alan Newman & his grandchild Baby Grace. Eileen & Jerh Murphy Corran & their son Jerry & his friend Sean Murphy. Tomas Kelly Barraduff

Sun 11th Knocknagree 8.00pm "Closing of the Novena" *Healing Prayer service, with anointing of the sick*

MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY to SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY 2024

Mon 12th Gneeveguilla 7.00pm Peig O'Mahony, Gullane. Johnny O'Leary I/o Gullane & Ard Mhuire. Brendan Kelly & all the Kelly family, Gullane

(No morning Mass) (Confirmation Ceremony 1)

Tue 13th Rathmore 11.00 am Sacrament of Confirmation (Holy Family & Knocknagree NS.) Fr Pat (Confirmation Ceremony 2)

Tue 13th Gneeveguilla 3.30 p.m Sacrament of Confirmation (Gneeveguilla NS) Bishop Ray

Ash Wednesday 14th Masses Gneeveguilla 9.30am & Rathmore 7.00pm

Thur 15th Knocknagree 9.30am Kathleen Cronin, Cahirbarnagh

Fri 16th Rathmore 7.00pm (1st Anniv) Pat O'Brien, Nohoval

Sat 17th Shrone 6.00pm Donors intentions

Sat 17th Knocknagree 7.30pm (Months Mind) John (Corney) O'Connor Knocknagree (1st Anniv) Mary O'Leary "Chemist Shop" Knocknagree

Sun 18th Gneeveguilla 9.30am Donal O'Mahony & his daughter in law Geraldine Willie & Catherine McCarthy & their son Denis & Uncle Denny Gneeveguilla Muriel Moore, Manhattan

Sun 18th Rathmore 11.30am Tim & Nina Murphy, East End & their daughters Margaret & Marie.

The Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse takes place in Ireland on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, this Friday 16 February this year. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. At Mass that day parishes are asked to light a 'Candle of Atonement' on the altar and say the enclosed prayer. The Prayer is based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9th World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin. The candle symbolises repentance, light in the darkness, and hope

The Parish Office
Opening Hours:
Mon, Tues, & Wed
9.30am - 12.30pm -
Fri 11am - 2pm
CLOSED THURSDAY
Parish Office:
Booking of Masses,
Mass Cards, any
query, just call,
phone (064)
7761669 or email
rathmore@dioceseofkerry.ie

Diocesan Collection: The annual collection for the **Lourdes Helpers** will take place this weekend 10th/11th February. Donations can be contributed online on the donate tab on the parish website www.rathmoreparish.ie or drop into the Parish Office

Prayers & Sympathies: Gráinne and Máirtín & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Peggy Mullooly Church Place Rathmore. Her brother Willie, sister Kathleen (Murphy) & families. Peggys funeral took place in Rathmore on the 29th of January.

To Maureen Healy, Pat & family Micheal & Karen on the death of her brother John Chris Crowley, Bru na Sinear l/o Barra & Dublin. John Chris was laid to rest on Saturday 3rd February in Rathmore.

To the relatives, neighbours friends & close friend Pat Moynihan & family on the death of John Murphy Nohovaldaly who as laid to rest on Tuesday 6th February in Rathmore.

To Mossie, Dermie, Den, Mikey, Kieran and Shane Fitzgerald & families on the death of their mother & grandmother Catherine Fitzgerald, Moulagow. Catherines funeral took place on Monday 6th February in Shrone May Peggy, John Chris, John & Catherine rest in peace & may all who mourn their loss be comforted

The Sacrament of Confirmation

On Tuesday pupils from Holy Family , Knocknagree and Gneeveguilla Schools will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The children from Holy Family and Knocknagree will receive that sacrament in Rathmore Church at 11am, followed by a second ceremony in Gneeveguilla Church at 3.30p.m for the Gneeveguilla pupils.

Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he told his disciples to wait in Jerusalem so that they could be baptized by the Holy Spirit (Acts of the Apostles 1:5). When about 120 of Jesus' disciples were gathered the Holy Spirit came in the form of wind and fire. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the disciples understood that God was anointing them for a special mission (Acts of the Apostles 2).

The early Christians made sure, then, that whenever they brought people into the Church, they would baptize them with water and then anoint them with oil.

Why oil? Oil had been used in the Old Testaments to anoint priests, prophets, and kings. The early Christians realized that their community was "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation" (1 Peter 2:9). Each new member was anointed with oil after being baptized with water.

In the early Church Baptism and Confirmation were celebrated in a single ceremony. It is still done this way in the churches of the East. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Church of the West, the two sacraments gradually separated. The Church in the West wanted the bishop to complete a person's initiation. As the Church grew and the bishops ministered over ever larger territories, the bishop could not be present for every Baptism. So began the custom of gathering groups of baptized Catholics together later so that the bishop could confirm them all at one time. In the process over time the reception of the Eucharist came before the celebration of Confirmation.

Since COVID the Bishop has delegated priests to administer the Sacrament so that ceremonies can have smaller numbers and therefore be more personal .

Receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Christian's relationship with God is made stronger. The Gifts of the Holy Spirit are strengthened: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and love of the Lord. In this way the Christian is equipped to become a better witness to Christ in the world.

During the celebration of Confirmation the celebrant extends his hands over those to be confirmed and calls upon God: "Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide."

Then each person to be confirmed is anointed with chrism on the forehead as the celebrant says,

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Confirmation of our child

Lord, as we present our children.

For the sacrament of Confirmation,

We are aware, we their parents,

Are accompanying them in a commitment.

Which is already our own

That we strive to live faithfully.

We beg you, Lord.

Give our children the Spirit of truth.

The Spirit that enlightens us and guides us on life's pathways.

Give them the Spirit of strength.

The Spirit that enables us to live according to our convictions.

In spite of obstacles, in spite of trials.

Give them the Spirit of love,

The Spirit that makes us

brothers and sisters

Serving the same mission, in your Church.

Holy Spirit, dwell in our hearts,

Fill them with your light, your

love, and your strength,

Make us discover the joy of serving.

A God who loves us and wants us to be happy.

Amen

